

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel without prejudice claims 1 to 49 and 57 to 85.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, claims 1 to 49 and 57 to 85. Accordingly, claims 50 to 56 are pending in the present application. It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of the present application is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The section beginning on page 1, line 1, captioned CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS has been amended as follows:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/210,430, filed on August 1, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/323,326, filed on September 20, 2001, each of which is expressly incorporated herein in its entirety by reference thereto.

The present application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. _____, entitled "Egg Handling Pasteurization Apparatus and Method," bearing Attorney Docket No. 17306/106, filed on the even date herewith, which is expressly incorporated herein in its entirety by reference thereto and which is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/210,430, filed on August 1, 2002, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/323,326, filed on September 20, 2001.--.

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